Sport Management
Department of Educational Leadership
Neag School of Education
Master’s Guidelines / Policies

The M.S. degree in Sport Management prepares students in the theoretical, research and applied dimensions of this field of study. Students select a thesis, internship, or a research project option. The thesis option consists of 24 credit hours (8 courses) of coursework and 9 credit hours of thesis research. The research project and internship options consist of 27 credit hours (9 courses) and a 6-credit internship or research project following the completion of all coursework.

M.S. in Sport Management

Faculty Advisors: Dr. Laura Burton, Dr. Joseph Cooper, Dr. Jennifer McGarry

- Minimum number of required semester hours = 33 credits
- Option A (non-thesis): 27 credits of coursework and 6 credits for internship or research/special project; comprehensive examination (following completion of all coursework)
- Option B (thesis): 24 credits of coursework, 9 credits for thesis and a thesis defense

1. Research and Statistics (6-9 hrs)
   - EPSY 5601 Principles and Methods in Educational Research [required]
   - EPSY 5605 Quantitative Methods in Educational Research I [required]
   Also recommended for students selecting the thesis option
   EPSY 5607 Quantitative Methods in Educational Research II
   or
   EDCI 6000 Qualitative Methods in Educational Research I

2. Sport Management Major Courses (15 credits)
   - EDLR 5380 Sport Marketing
   - EDLR 5385 Sport Facility and Event Management
   - EDLR 5300 Management of Sport Services
   - EDLR 5325 Legal Aspects of Sport
   - EDLR 5315 Sport in Society
3. Electives (6 credits)

Two 5000 level courses to be taken from outside the Sport Management Major Courses. Discuss with major advisor.

Additional elective available in EDLR:
- EDLR 5518 Introduction to Sport Based Youth Development

4. Capstone Course

**Option A (non-thesis option):**

- EDLR 5091 Internship (6 credits)
  or
- EDLR 5085 Research/Special Project (6 credits)

To be taken after the satisfactory completion of all coursework and successful completion of the comprehensive examination.

**Option B (thesis option):**

Students selecting to write a thesis are not required to complete comprehensive exams.

- GRAD 5950 Thesis Research (9 credits)*

*You must register for 9 credits of GRAD 5950 in order to graduate.
**Policies / Procedures for the Master's of Science in Sport Management**

**Attendance Policy**

Students will be allocated TWO excused absence per semester. If a medical or family emergency would arise over the course of the semester, with documentation by the student, the instructor has the discretion to grant an additional excused absence or absences. All other absences will result in deduction of a one half a letter grade per missed class.

**Plan of Study**

All students are required to complete a plan of study. You must meet with your major advisor at the beginning of your second semester of graduate coursework and discuss this plan. You are responsible for completing the form and submitting it to your major advisor for signatures. The plan of study form is available on the Graduate School website.

[http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/](http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/)

**Option A Comprehensive Exam Procedures**

Following completion of all coursework and prior to registration and completion of EDLR 5091 or EDLR 5085, students will take an in-person, full day, comprehensive exam.

The exam will cover material from EDLR 5300 and EPSY 5601. Students will have the option of selecting two additional courses from the required EDLR courses [EDLR 5380 Sport Marketing / EDLR 5325 Legal Aspects of Sport / EDLR 5315 Sport in Society / EDLR 5385 Sport Facility and Event Management]. Final decisions regarding what two optional exams to be taken will be made in conjunction with the student’s major advisor.

The exam will be scheduled during Final Exam week of Fall or Spring Semester or following Summer Sessions. The date will be determined one month prior to the exam.

**Comprehensive exams are graded on a pass/fail. If a student fails an exam(s), he/she will be required to return to campus to sit for an in-person retake of the exam(s). The sport management faculty will determine the date of the exam retake. If a student fails the retake of an exam(s), he/she will be required to retake that course(s) prior to receiving the degree.**
Option B Thesis

See advisor for guidelines for thesis requirements.

Applying for Graduation

After completing all degree requirements – follow the guidelines from the Graduate School to apply for graduation.

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